

*Amendments to the Claims:*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A protective device for the confinement of explosive objects or objects suspected of being ~~such explosive comprising, characterized in that it comprises:~~  
  
a sleeve ~~(2), wherein the sleeve comprises: which is~~  
  
~~at least one opening at its each axial ends of the sleeve; and~~  
  
~~comprises at least one layer of splinter-proof fabric; of the splinter-proof type, and~~  
  
~~wherein one end of the sleeve 2) is configured to be being suitable for being placed-positioned on a surface by one of its ends, and wherein the sleeve is configured to remain holding itself substantially vertically, and wherein the sleeve is configured to substantially surround a suspect object resting on the surface.~~
2. (currently amended) The device ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that the sleeve (2) further comprises at least one protective ring (9), and wherein the protective ring comprises comprising several thicknesses a plurality of layers of splinter-proof fabric of the splinter-proof type.~~

3. (currently amended) The device as ~~claimed in~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a protective ring ~~(9)~~ is comprises:

~~formed by a winding of a~~ wound strip of splinter-proof fabric ~~(12) of the splinter-proof type and is provided with;~~

at least one axial fastening; and

at least one reinforcing seam ~~(13, 14)~~.

4. (currently amended) The device as ~~claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the sleeve ~~(2)~~ further comprises a reinforcing ring ~~(10)~~ comprising at least one layer of material possessing a rigidity sufficient to hold the sleeve ~~(2)~~ in the vertical position when ~~it~~ the sleeve is placed on ~~one of its ends~~ an end of the sleeve.

5. (currently amended) The device as ~~claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the sleeve ~~(2)~~ further comprises at least one reinforcing web, and wherein the reinforcing web substantially surrounds the sleeve ~~(2)~~.

6. (currently amended) The device as ~~claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ further comprising; ~~comprises~~

a first sleeve; ~~(2)~~ and

a second sleeve (20), wherein the second sleeve substantially surrounds the first sleeve (2), and wherein the second sleeve (20) being is configured to be slidable relative to the first sleeve (2).

7. (currently amended) The device ~~as claimed in claim 6~~ of claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the first sleeve (2) and the second sleeve (20) ~~are connected~~ coupled with by an expansion joint. (21)
8. (currently amended) The device ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ further comprising an inner protective layer, wherein the inner protective layer is ~~of the fire-resistant type~~.
9. (new) The device of claim 2, wherein the sleeve further comprises at least one reinforcing web, and wherein the reinforcing web substantially surrounds the sleeve.
10. (new) The device of claim 2, further comprising:

a first sleeve; and

a second sleeve, wherein the second sleeve substantially surrounds the first sleeve, and wherein the second sleeve is configured to be slidable relative to the first sleeve.

11. (new) The device of claim 10, wherein the first sleeve and the second sleeve are coupled with an expansion joint .

12. (new) The device of claim 11, further comprising an inner protective layer, wherein the inner protective layer is fire-resistant.
13. (new) The device of claim 4, further comprising:
  - a first sleeve; and
  - a second sleeve , wherein the second sleeve substantially surrounds the first sleeve, and wherein the second sleeve is configured to be slidable relative to the first sleeve.
14. (new) The device of claim 13, wherein the first sleeve and the second sleeve are coupled with an expansion joint .
15. (new) The device of claim 14, further comprising an inner protective layer, wherein the inner protective layer is fire-resistant.
16. (new) The device of claim 7, wherein the sleeve further comprises at least one reinforcing web, and wherein the reinforcing web substantially surrounds the sleeve.
17. (new) The device of claim 7, further comprising:
  - a first sleeve; and
  - a second sleeve , wherein the second sleeve substantially surrounds the first sleeve, and wherein the second sleeve is configured to be slidable relative to the first sleeve.

18. (new) The device of claim 7, wherein the first sleeve and the second sleeve are coupled with an expansion joint
19. (new) The device of claim 7, further comprising an inner protective layer, wherein the inner protective layer is fire-resistant.